

REMARKS

The interview with examiner Sarah Burnham on January 7, 2005 is acknowledged with appreciation. The examiner's summary of the interview appears to be an accurate summary of what transpired.

At the interview it was agreed that the prior art rejections of claims 1, 6 and 21 (and dependent claims 4, 7, 9, 11-13 and 24-25) are overcome by the above amendments. Specifically, the prior art does not teach or suggest the combination including only one bight as recited in claim 1, the combination including an open interior region therebetween without any web portions as recited in claim 6 and the combination including bights and no bights as stated in claim 21.

Claims 2, 3, 5, 8, 10 and 22-23 were indicated as allowable and have been amended to be in independent form.

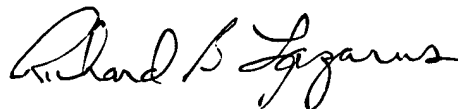
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-13 and 21-25 is, respectfully, requested.

A check for \$1,200 for six additional independent claims is submitted with this amendment.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (20341-73107).

Respectfully submitted,

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